

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 819

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Maurice and Alma Helton on the celebration of their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 1947, Maurice and Alma Helton were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Helton have been highly respected citizens of the New Life community for a number of years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, they are active and devout congregants of New Life Missionary Baptist Church, where they are the oldest attending members; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Helton served with acumen and alacrity with Citizens Union Bank for thirty-five years before beginning a happy and well-earned retirement; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced two sons, Larry Helton and his wife, Faye, and Claude Helton and his wife, Shirley; two grandchildren, Troy Helton and his wife, Christine, and Courtney Murrell and her husband, Trey; and three great-grandchildren, Aiden, Lillian, and John Alex Murrell; and

WHEREAS, for sixty-five years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Heltons' truly represent the best and brightest of our society, as they remind us of the intrinsic value of continuity and commitment in this ever changing world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Maurice and Alma Helton on the celebration of their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.